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Post delivered reftel message on September 26 to MFA officials Elizabeth Cubias, Deputy Director of Social Development; Mario Rivera, Head of Multilateral Affairs; and Mauricio Ruiz, Head of Candidacies. All three were noncommittal, including during several follow-up contacts. Finally on November 13, Ruiz told poloff that the MFA will not make a final decision on the issue of moving the meeting to February, but instead will defer to their OAS Mission in Washington for a decision. Post made a strong effort to advocate switching the date of the meeting, but is now convinced that the MFA is deferring to GOES OAS Ambassador Castro de Perez. Post understands that USOAS has already presented the same points to Ambassador Castro de Perez, but recommends that USOAS continue to follow-up directly with her. Barclay